Survey and protection of thodus and rivers in the southern half of the Vyttila Constituency.

262. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) were the thodus and rivers that surround Nettur, Panangad and Kumbalam surveyed at any time in the past; if so, when; what in each case was the depth, width and length recorded in the survey;

(2) was any work by way of removing silt from them taken up and carried out at any time in the past; if so, when;

(3) are they navigable at low tide at any part of the year; are boats stuck up in any of the thodus during low tide?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) The Marattil Puthen thodu and the Thevara canals were deepened in 1107.

(3) After the execution of the silt clearance work in 1107 there has been no complaint that boats get stuck up in low tide.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Is the Nettur thodu silted up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have received no complaints about it.

Shoranur—Ernakulam trunk Road—realignment.

263. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any proposal to soalter the Shoranur-Ernakulam trunk Road that the Chalakkudi Market Road will not form a part of the proposed main trunk road;

(b) if so, will not the present market road lose all its importance;

(c) has the Government carefully considered the great loss to the building owners which this proposal involves;

(d) has the Government received from the Chalakkudi public, petitions against this proposal;

(e) what action was taken on these petitions?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) There is at present no such proposal.

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(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

(d) Yes.

(e) The petitioners were told that there is at present no proposal to divert the road at the bazaar portion.

Failure of Kole crops—scheme to store water.

264. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) does the Government know that there have been failure of crops in the Kole region in various localities;

(b) if so, has the Government made an enquiry into the causes of the same;

(c) does not the Kole cultivation suffer from paucity of water at some time and too much of water at other times;

(d) has the Government any definite plan to store water when there is an abundant supply of it and to distribute the same when there is the need for it;

(e) does the Government know that the carrying out of a scheme for the above-mentioned purpose will considerably alleviate the distress of a large section of the people round about the Kole area?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Kole cultivation is generally successful. It is affected adversely in abnormal years.

(d) Government think that the most reliable scheme to irrigate the Kole lands is the scheme for the diversion of the Chalakkudi river which is now under their consideration.

(e) Yes.

Construction of a bridge over Enamakkal Ferry.

265. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutti.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they intend to construct a bridge over the Enamakkal ferry;

(b) if the answer to sub-division (a) is in the affirmative

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